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**Platinum Asia Investments Limited (ASX: PAI)  
Monthly Investment Update and Net Tangible Asset (NTA) Report**

Platinum Asia Investments Limited hereby releases the Monthly Investment Update and NTA Report for the month ended 31 October 2023 (as attached).

For more information in relation to PAI, please refer to the website at:  
[www.platinumasia.com.au](http://www.platinumasia.com.au)

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## FACTS<sup>1</sup>

Market capitalisation	\$311.19 mn
Listing date	21 September 2015
Current share price	\$0.840
Current dividend yield	5.95%
Pre-tax NTA	\$0.9597
Post-tax NTA	\$0.9825
Maximum franked dividend	2.88 cps
Management fee:	1.10% p.a. (excl. GST) of portfolio value plus
Performance fee:	15.00% p.a. (excl. GST) of outperformance over benchmark (MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Net Index (A\$)). Performance fees are calculated after recovery of any underperformance carried forward from prior periods.

## PERFORMANCE<sup>2</sup>

	1 month	3 months	6 months	CYTD	1 year	2 years p.a.	3 years p.a.	5 years p.a.	7 years p.a.	Since inception p.a.
<b>Company % (Pre-tax NTA)</b>	(2.1)	(8.4)	(3.6)	(0.4)	18.0	(4.7)	(2.6)	6.0	7.1	6.3
<b>MSCI %</b>	(2.0)	(6.8)	(2.2)	2.5	14.7	(5.7)	(2.1)	4.4	6.0	5.9

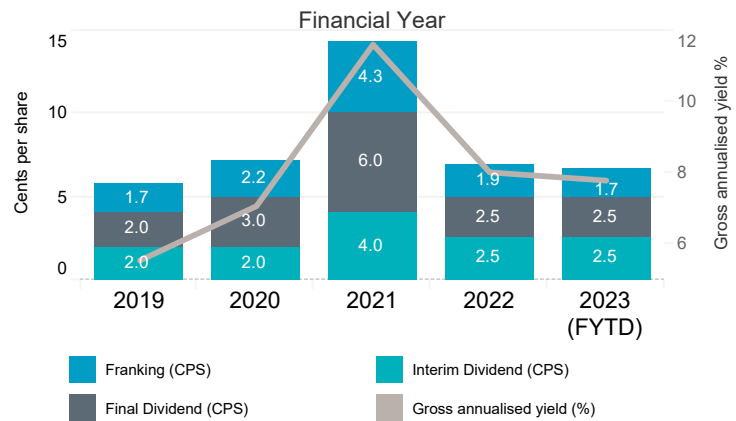
PAI's returns are calculated after the deduction of fees and expenses, adjusted for taxes paid and any capital flows and assume the reinvestment of dividends. PAI's returns have not been calculated using PAI's share price. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.

## INVESTED POSITIONS<sup>4</sup>

	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %	CCY %
<b>Asia-Pacific</b>	91.3	(1.0)	90.4	95.1
China	46.7		46.7	46.7
Hong Kong	2.5		2.5	6.7
India	6.7	(0.3)	6.4	6.6
Indonesia	2.4		2.4	2.5
Philippines	2.8		2.8	2.8
Singapore	1.0		1.0	1.2
South Korea	13.8	(0.4)	13.4	13.4
Taiwan	6.3	(0.2)	6.1	6.1
Thailand	1.7		1.7	1.7
Vietnam	6.5		6.5	6.5
Other Asia-Pacific	0.8		0.8	0.9
<b>North America</b>				4.8
United States of America				4.8
<b>Sub-Total</b>	91.3	(1.0)	90.4	100.0
<b>Cash</b>	8.7	1.0	9.6	
<b>Total</b>	100.0		100.0	100.0

Long - 61 stocks, 1 swap Short - 5 swaps, 1 index

## HISTORY OF FULLY FRANKED DIVIDENDS (CPS)<sup>3</sup>



## TOP TEN POSITIONS<sup>5</sup>

STOCK	COUNTRY	INDUSTRY	%
Taiwan Semiconductor	Taiwan	Info Technology	5.6
Samsung Electronics Co	South Korea	Info Technology	5.5
ZTO Express Cayman Inc	China	Industrials	4.9
Vietnam Ent Investments	Vietnam	Other	4.6
SK Hynix Inc	South Korea	Info Technology	4.5
Ping An Insurance Group	China	Financials	4.1
InterGlobe Aviation Ltd	India	Industrials	4.0
China Resources Land Ltd	China	Real Estate	3.3
Weichai Power Co Ltd	China	Industrials	3.2
Tencent Holdings Ltd	China	Comm Services	3.2
<b>Total</b>			42.9

## INDUSTRY BREAKDOWN<sup>4</sup>

SECTOR	LONG %	SHORT %	NET %
Consumer Discretionary	18.7		18.7
Information Technology	16.9	(0.2)	16.7
Industrials	14.8	(0.2)	14.6
Real Estate	12.9		12.9
Financials	10.2		10.2
Consumer Staples	4.1		4.1
Materials	4.0	(0.3)	3.7
Communication Services	3.3		3.3
Health Care	1.7		1.7
Energy	0.1		0.1
Other	4.6	(0.3)	4.3
<b>Sub-Total</b>	91.3	(1.0)	90.4
<b>Cash</b>	8.7	1.0	9.6
<b>Total</b>	100.0		100.0

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1. Source: Platinum. The pre-tax NTA was calculated in accordance with Australian Accounting Standards, based on the fair value of all investments. The post-tax NTA is the pre-tax NTA after provision for tax on both realised and unrealised income and gains. The NTA is unaudited.

2. Source: Platinum for portfolio returns and Factset Research Systems for MSCI returns. The returns are calculated relative to the MSCI All Country Asia ex Japan Net Index in A\$. Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns. Platinum does not invest by reference to the weightings of the index. The index is provided as a reference only.

3. Shows dividends determined in respect of the relevant financial year. This information is historical. No guarantee is given about future dividends or the level of franking of such dividends.

4. The "Long %" is the exposure to long securities and long securities/index derivative positions, the "Short %" is the exposure to short securities and short securities/index derivative positions and the "Net %" is the total of the "Long %" and "Short %", each as a percentage of PAI's portfolio value. The "CCY %" is the effective currency exposure of PAI's portfolio as a percentage of its portfolio value, taking into account long and short securities, cash, forwards and long and short securities/index derivative positions. For the "Industry breakdown", index positions (whether through ETFs or derivatives) are only included under the relevant sector if they are sector specific, otherwise they are included under "Other".

4. and 5. Country classifications for securities reflect Bloomberg's "country of risk" designations, and currency classifications for securities reflect the relevant local currencies of the country classifications.

5. The "Top ten positions" show PAI's top ten long securities positions as a percentage of PAI's portfolio value (including long securities and long securities derivative positions). All data where MSCI is referenced is the property of MSCI Limited ("MSCI"). No use or distribution of this data is permitted without the written consent of MSCI. This data is provided "as is" without any warranties by MSCI. MSCI assumes no liability for or in connection with this data. Please see full MSCI disclaimer in <https://www.platinum.com.au/Special-Pages/Terms-Conditions>

## MARKET UPDATE AND COMMENTARY

- The Portfolio returned -2.1% in October. Over the year to 31 October 2023 the Portfolio is up 18%.
- Consumer staples and industrials were the largest positive contributors to performance over the past month.

### Market Commentary

Asian equity markets fell for the third month in a row in October with that fall driven by a range of forces: bond market volatility, geopolitical tensions in the Middle East and weakening sentiment around emerging markets as result of the US dollar's rise against regional currencies.

Beijing announced several measures to support equity markets. These included a sovereign wealth fund buying program aimed at domestic ETFs. Beijing also increased its stake in the big four state-owned banks and eased the limits on foreign stakes in joint ventures. Authorities also approved additional sovereign bond issuance to help pay for regional flood damage.

China's economic data was mixed with activity data from September reporting an uptick but the October PMI (Purchasing Managers Index) indicating a slowdown. While a stronger economic backdrop is helpful for equity returns, given our concentrated, high-conviction portfolio, we only hold stocks we think will offer strong returns over the medium term at reasonable prices. We're hopeful that we're seeing the first signs of China's property stimulus taking effect. The pace of the decline in new home sales slowed in October and the China Index Academy showed average new home prices in 100 cities rose 0.07% month on month in October. Our contrarian investment approach led us to invest in the Chinese property market as it was selling off. While the negative headlines have continued we only invest in companies we believe are well run, have strong balance sheets and should come out of this recession stronger.

In an interesting development, the in-favour Indian market experienced a surge in outflows in October driven by weaker than expected earnings by IT companies, downbeat commentary from some Indian banks and rising oil prices (Source: FT 31 October 2023). India imports more than 80% of its oil, making it vulnerable to crude prices which have climbed ~5% since Hamas' attack on Israel. Given their high starting valuations, the Portfolio has had limited exposure to Indian equities.

### Performance Analysis\*

Top contributors to monthly performance included Chinese diesel engine manufacturer Weichai Power, India's largest low-cost airline InterGlobe Aviation and a short position in a South Korean materials company. Detractors included Vietnamese investment company Vietnam Enterprise Investments, Vietnam retailer Mobile World Investment Corporation and Chinese online retailer JD.com.

### Valuation

Relative to the market, the Portfolio's earnings yield remain attractive – up approximately 10% - and with a Price-to-Book ratio at an approximate 8% discount (see table below). Platinum's contrarian investment process means we are focused on finding businesses that have better long-term growth prospects but are oversold or out of favour due to temporary setbacks and therefore have attractive valuations.

Metric	Platinum Asia Investments Limited	MSCI AC Asia ex-Japan Net Index (A\$)
<b>NTM Earnings Yield</b>	9.5% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 10.5x)	8.6% (Price-to-Earnings ratio of 11.6x)
<b>NTM Dividend Yield</b>	3.2%	3.4%
<b>NTM Enterprise Value-to-Sales</b>	1.3x	1.3x
<b>LTM Price-to-Book Ratio</b>	1.3x	1.4x

The valuations in the table have been calculated by Platinum and for the portfolio refer to the long portion of the portfolio, exclude negative net earnings and use FactSet consensus earnings. MSCI data is sourced from Rimes, FactSet and Platinum. As at 30 October 2023. NTM = next twelve months. LTM = last twelve months.

\*Source: Platinum. Contribution numbers are based on the total return of individual positions (in AUD) and are gross as they do not take into account the portfolio's fees and costs (other than brokerage). **Past performance is not a reliable indicator of future returns.**